

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in view of the above amendments and following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 8-16 are pending in this application. In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 8, 9, 13, and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) or in the alternative under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,535,228 to Bandaru; and Claims 10-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Bandaru and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,838,314 to Neel.

It is respectfully submitted that the applied art does not teach or suggest a shared contents control unit configured to control the recorded contents based on the shared data flag, an editing unit configured to edit the content data in response to a demand by the plurality of user apparatuses, and a data-supplying unit configured to supply content data set to be shared to the plurality of user apparatuses in response to a demand made by the plurality of user apparatuses, as recited in Claim 8 and similarly recited in Claims 13 and 14.

Instead, Bandaru discusses digital media frames (DMF) associated with an account that includes a user profile stored in a user profile database. The user profile contains information specific to the particular DMF. A user can select one or more share lists from the available share list. That is, at block 1605 of Fig 16, the user indicates on the DMF that a share operation is to be performed. At block 1610, the DMF displays the available objects in the DMF to allow the member to select one or more objects to be shared. The selected objects can be distinguished from the non-selected objects by a check mark or bold border. When the member completes the selection, the DMF displays the available share list previously generated by a member. At block 1615, the member may select multiple share lists in which case the recipients in the multiple share lists receive the selected objects. At block 1620, the DMF network sends a copy of the selected objects to each of the recipients

identified in the selected share list. As such, the unique account of Bandaru is merely for management of the members who are in the same DMF network.

Again, the independent claims recite an editing unit configured to edit the content data in response to a demand by the plurality of user apparatuses. Bandaru merely discusses that the share list may be created or edited using the PC 1545 by updating the user profile. The share list may also be created via a telephone by calling an authorized customer service agent with the DMF network. The customer service agent may then update the user profile of the calling member. In one embodiment, the member may select one of the share lists as a default share list. The DMF network then uses the default share list when the member wants to share objects displayed on the DMF. The currently displayed object is automatically shared or distributed to the recipients in the default share list. Accordingly, Bandaru does not disclose the features of the claimed invention. Neel does not make up for the deficiencies of Bandaru discussed above.

Withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) and § 103 is respectfully requested.

Consequently, for the reasons discussed in detail above, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.


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